



Weekly News

Village Minutes

To view the most recent village board meeting minutes, please go to <http://www.tremontil.com/tremont-board-of-trustees.php>

Summer Rec Baseball & Softball Registrations

Summer Rec Baseball and Softball Registrations are Open!

Register online at www.tremontpark.org or stop in the office during staffed hours. Registration forms will also be available in the vestibule and can be left in the drop box along with payment. Flyers were also sent home with school age children.

Registrations need to be completed by March 31st, 2021. Keep looking at the website for the team evaluations.



Did you know...?

Boyle's Grove Resort - "The Most Popular Resort in Central Illinois"

Early Tremont newspapers are dotted with articles about various groups in Tremont meeting for outings at the popular resort at Boyle's Grove. These activities were a very popular form of entertainment at the turn of the century. Located about three miles southwest of Mackinaw by a sandbar on the Mackinaw River, the Grove was a favored spot for recreation and relaxation.

John and Sara (Miars) Boyle moved to the Grove in 1872. Their first house burned; the photo below is of

their second home, built in 1895 by W.F Gerstner. At least two generations of Boyles made their home there over the years and began their resort, called Boyle's Grove.

The (Bloomington) Daily Pantagraph, May 29, 1887, called the resort, "...the most popular resort in Central Illinois." This lovely spot was the location of much fishing, wading, boating, shell collecting, games, picnics (even moonlight picnics!), camping, and shooting matches. Bands entertained and speakers spoke at various events.

The switch at Menert Station on the Big Four railroad line was a convenient stop, very close to Boyle's Grove. Groups made good use of the stop. The railroad sponsored a special train which left Bloomington at 8:30 in the morning for Menert Station/ Boyle's Grove and returned at 7:00 that evening. There was room for one thousand people and the fare was fifty cents for a round trip. On June 30, 1894, a picnic for employees of the Big Four was held there. The special train for picnickers started in Indianapolis, and fifteen more coaches were added in Urbana. It stopped at all of the stations to pick up employees and their families.

An article in the Bloomington Weekly Pantagraph of September 3, 1886 recalls:

"...five coaches filled with 300 Sunday school children, teachers, parents and friends of the (Mackinaw) Christian Church enjoyed one long and delightful day on the banks of the Mackinaw...Some very fine fish were caught by the expert anglers. Boating was a great attraction for the young people, while swings, croquet and gathering shells were amusements for others. Mr. Boyle, as usual, was everywhere, looking after the comfort and good of the excursionists, making his house as open and free to everyone as the grove itself..."

Until 1887 or so, it appears that day trippers had to wade across a ford in the river or cross by boat to get to one part of the Grove. But an article in the Weekly Pantagraph, November 26, 1886 reports, "The new iron bridge at Boyle's Grove will be completed this week, when that pleasant resort will be made still more agreeable to...visitors. The town of Tremont will pay one-half, while the County of Tazewell has paid the other half."

As the century turned, groups from Tremont such as churches, lodges, and families made good use of the prime recreation area just a few miles east of town. It is easy to imagine men carrying baskets of blankets and lunches and women holding their parasols while lifting their long dresses to avoid dust or mud as they made their way from the train. And it is so easy to "hear" the joking, laughter, and high-spirited conversation as they looked forward to fun and festivities ahead.

It is unclear when the Grove closed as a resort, but today the secluded spot is peaceful and pastoral, giving no hint of its former heyday.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society

Next week – Some of the unusual stories from Boyle's Grove.

If you have photos the museum could copy, or more information about Boyle's Grove, please contact Lfuoss@telstar-online.net.



Tremont Library

Reserve the Library Meeting Room for Individual Use

Need some quiet time outside of your house? The library is opening up the meeting room for individual reservations. It's a great place to study, read, listen to music, or attend an online class or meeting.

At this time, the meeting room is for individual use only. Only one teen/adult at a time and no groups.

(However, there is an exception for childcare. If you are caring for children from your own household, they may join you in the meeting room-- it's a great place for read-alouds!)

Times available:

- 10-12pm, 2:30-4:30pm, 5-7pm during weekdays, and 10-12pm during the weekends.
- One reservation is allowed per day, and two per week. Call 309-925-5432 to reserve a time.

In the Loop Crochet Club

Thursdays, March 25 - May 20 -- 3-4PM

All ages welcome. We have room for more crafters in our crochet club! This program is now open to all ages, yes, that's adults too. Learn more about In the Loop and find the Zoom link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/398151324827050/>

Adult/Teen Take-Home Craft

Spots are filling up fast! Register for our other adult/teen crafts by calling or e-mailing the library

- April 1st: Confetti KnickKnack Tray
- May 6th: DIY Clipboard with Mod Podge

To Be Continued...

A read-aloud book club for ages 7+. This season we'll be reading The Vanderbecker's of 141st Street by Katrina Yan Glaser. We will meet over Zoom on Tuesdays 3-4PM, each week March 16th – April 20th.

Call 925-5432, email tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com, or register in person to receive Zoom invites.

Make-It Monday

S.T.E.A.M. related crafts and videos on the first Monday of each month. Want a Maker-Kit? Call the library (925-5432), email tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com, or visit us in person to reserve yours today!

Past craft kits are available while supplies last.

- April 5th – Magnets
- May 3rd – Density

Virtual Story Hour Room

All new! This season Story Hour is being offered through virtual Story Hour Rooms. These rooms include links to read-aloud videos, rhymes, craft tutorials, and other fun resources for your preschooler. New rooms will be released every other Thursday through May 20th along with craft kits. To access Story Hour Rooms, please join our Virtual Read-Aloud Facebook group or email tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com to receive links.

Fine Art Friday (Age: 7+)

Dates: March 26, & April 30

Explore new mediums and new artists with this spring's Fine Art Friday series. Use materials from home or register in advance for an Art Box. If you registered in fall, this is a new session: please register again.

- March: Sculptures
- April: Mosaics

Lions Club Easter Event

Mark Your Calendars

Tremont Lions Club Easter Event

When: Saturday, April 3 from 9AM-12PM

At: Tremont Baptist Church

Tremont Lions Club will be hosting an Easter Event Open House for all children through 4th graders. Easter Bunny will be on hand to pass out bagged Easter Egg Treats (Sorry, no hunt yet this year due to COVID restrictions). More information on the event to follow.



Community Shred Day

The 2021 Community Shred Day will be held at the Tremont First National Bank on Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 9:00AM-Noon. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Monday

HS Volleyball @ Heyworth - 5:00PM

Tuesday

HS Volleyball home vs EPG - 5:00PM

MS Girls Basketball @ Olympia - 5:00PM

Thursday

MS Girls Basketball @ Edison - 4:30PM

HS Volleyball home vs GCMS - 5:00PM

Saturday

HS Football @ Lexington vs Ridgeview/Lexington Co-op- 1:00PM

MS Girls Basketball @ Morton - 1:00PM

Around Town



Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

Thank you,

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